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FOLLOWING ISSUED IN NEW DELHI FEBRUARY 5. BEGIN QUOTE:

1. THE SUBCOMMISSION ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE INDIA-US
JOINT COMMISSION MET IN NEW DELHI FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 5,
1975 TO REVIEW WAYS AND MEANS TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATION
IN THESE FIELDS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE MEETINGS WERE CHAIRED BY MR. G. PARTHASARATHI, FORMER
VICE-CHANCELLOR OF JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI, AND
DR. ROBERT F. GOHEEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS,
NEW YORK. THE MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMISSION IS IN PREPARATION FOR
THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION, TO BE CHAIRED BY SECRETARY OF
STATE DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, AND THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
SHRI Y B CHAVAN, TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 13-14, 1975.

3. IN ITS DISCUSSIONS, THE SUBCOMMISSION REVIEWED THE PROGRESS
AND FUNCTIONING OF MANY EXISTING, LONG-STANDING PROGRAMS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA IN EDUCATION AND CULTURE. IT ALSO SOUGHT
TO EXPLORE NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE AREAS OF COLLABORATION ANSWERING
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THE RESPECTIVE NEEDS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. THE SUBCOMMISSION COVERED A WIDE RANGE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME FOLLOWING UP THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON ACADEMIC COLLABORATION HELD IN JANUARY 1974, AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

5. THE TWO DELEGATIONS REACHED AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN SUCH AREAS AS MUSEUMS, EXCHANGE OF ART OBJECTS ON A LOAN BASIS, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, BROADCASTING, TV AND FILMS, AND EXHIBITIONS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE AWARENESS, UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHER'S CULTURE.

6. BINATIONAL SEMINARS ON A NUMBER OF FIELDS OF COMMON INTEREST TO INDIAN AND US SCHOLARS, SUCH AS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, MUSEUMS AS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, MEDICAL PEDAGOGY, ETC. ARE PLANNED. TWO OR THREE OF THESE SEMINARS ARE TO BE HELD EACH YEAR.

7. THE SUBCOMMISSION NOTED THE POSITIVE STEPS TAKEN BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO CURB ILLICIT TRADE IN ANTIQUITIES, AND HOPED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS WILL ENACT LEGISLATION AND LAY DOWN PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM.

8. THE SUBCOMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP, IN ADDITION TO EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND VISITORSHIPS, THE DETAILS OF WHICH ARE UNDER DISCUSSION. END QUOTE.

9. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING AN MEA OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD N A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE, MARKED BY FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.SCHNEIDER

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